

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/24/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-8, 10-15, 17-19, 21-26, 28-29, 41-43 (now renumbered for issue 1-27).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20051229.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMIR AHMED**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/24/05 has been entered.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. Authorization for the following Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian L. Klock (reg. # 36,570) on 12/29/05, acting as applicants representative, authorized the following amendment:

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 1, after "image data is" on line 13, please delete [formed] and insert -- represented --.

In claim 1, after "first color signal " on line 15, please delete [forming] and insert -- representing --.

In claim 4, after "the color-converted first" on line 3, please delete [identification information] and insert -- color signal --.

In claim 5, after "the color-converted first" on line 2, please delete [identification information] and insert --color signal --.

In claim 8, after "image data is" on line 13, please delete [formed] and insert --represented --.

In claim 8, after "color signal " on line 15, please delete [forming] and insert --representing --.

In claim 11, after "the color-converted first" on line 3, please delete [identification information] and insert -- color signal --.

In claim 12, after "the color-converted first" on line 2, please delete [identification information] and insert --color signal --.

In claim 15, after "image data is" on line 15, please delete [formed] and insert --represented --.

In claim 15, after "color signal " on line 17, please delete [forming] and insert --representing --.

In claim 18, after "the color-converted first" on line 3, please delete [identification information] and insert -- color signal --.

In claim 19, after "image data is" on line 13, please delete [formed] and insert --represented --.

In claim 19, after "color signal " on line 15, please delete [forming] and insert --representing --.

In claim 22, after "the color-converted first" on line 3, please delete [identification information] and insert -- color signal --.

In claim 23, after "the color-converted first" on line 2, please delete [identification information] and insert --color signal --.

In claim 26, after "image data is" on line 15, please delete [formed] and insert --represented --.

In claim 26, after "color signal " on line 17, please delete [forming] and insert --representing --.

In claim 29, after "the color-converted first" on line 3, please delete [identification information] and insert --color signal --.

In claim 41, after "image data is" on line 13, please delete [formed] and insert --represented --.

In claim 41, after "color signal " on line 15, please delete [forming] and insert --representing --.

In claim 43, after "the color-converted first" on line 3, please delete [identification information] and insert --color signal --.

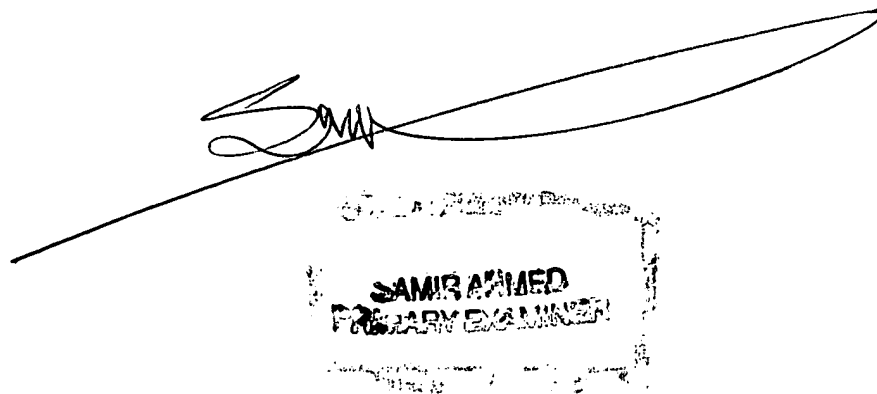
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samir A. Ahmed whose telephone number is (571) 272-7413. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30am-6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au can be reached on (571) 272-7414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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The block contains a handwritten signature in black ink, which is a stylized cursive script. Below the signature is a rectangular official stamp. The stamp contains the text "SAMIR AHMED" in a bold, sans-serif font, with "PRIMARY EXAMINER" printed below it in a smaller, all-caps font. The stamp also includes some smaller, less legible text at the top and bottom, likely indicating the date and time of the signature.